



NSBC Newsletter



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NSBC - BBO Tournament Schedules

Weekly Schedule of BBO Sessions						
Schedule starting Aug 6						
BBO weekly Schedule of NSBC Tournaments						
Day	Event	Rego	Play Start	Tables	Changes	
Mon	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	6m/B Unlocked
	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C	Combined
	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C	Reg Time
	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	20 C	
	Supervised	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM		
Tues	Supervised	M	8:30 AM	10:30 AM		
	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	6m/B Unlocked
	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C	Reg Time
	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	20 C	Pre-Game talk
	Rookie (<100MP)	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20 C	
Wed	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C	Combined
	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	6m/B Unlocked
	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C	Reg Time
	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	20 C	Pre-Game talk
	Open	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20 C	
Thurs	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	6m/B Unlocked
	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C	Reg Time
	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C	Combined
	Comp Night	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20 C	24B Red points
	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	6m/B Unlocked
Fri	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C	Reg Time
	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C	Combined
	Open	M	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	20	6m/B Unlocked
	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C	Reg Time
Sat	Open	M	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	20	6m/B Unlocked
	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C	Reg Time
	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C	Combined
Sun	Open	A	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	20 C	27B Red Points

Code M = morning, A = Afternoon, E = Evening, C = Clocked, m = mins
 *Pre-Game Talk \$10.00 - contact Kay Moyes moyes_kay@hotmail.com

Latest schedule can be viewed on this link:
<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/node/1231>

2020 AGM Election Results

New NSBC 2020 Committee	
President	David Fryda
Vice President	David Hudson
Secretary	David Hagley
Treasurer	Les Grewcock
Committee	Maryann Russett
Committee	Graham Murray
Committee	Elana Kohn

2020 NSBC Committee

The only contested committee position was that of Vice President, and David Hudson was voted in electronically by the members. That left a vacancy for a committee member,

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and as Maryann Russett was the sole candidate she was automatically appointed.

President David Fryda



The role of president was not contested, so on behalf of all NSBC members we would like to wish David well, and thank him for taking on this task during these trying times.

Vice President David Hudson



This was a contested position with John Mottram. David, who was previously a committee member, was elected by the members by electronic voting.

Hon Treasurer Les Grewcock



Les continues as our treasurer. He has been in this position for several years.

Hon Secretary David Hagley



David continues in the position of secretary which he has held for the past two years.

Committee 1 Maryann Russett



Maryann is a new member to join the NSBC committee and we would like to welcome her and wish her all the best as our new committee member.

Committee 2 Elana Kohn



Elana has been on the committee for several years and will continue in her position.

Committee 3 Graham Murray



Graham has been vice president of NSBC for several years, he will continue to give his support to the NSBC as a committee member.

AGM Discussion Topics

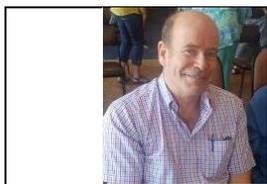
- A. Changes to the Club's Constitution were voted for and accepted. These are to permit future meetings to be held at two or more venues using technology and to also allow electronic ballots.
- B. The club's finances have not significantly declined, with the support of Members' (donations) and Governments' (Job Keeper).
- C. We are unlikely to be able to restart face to face bridge in the immediate future. The risks for the club, staff & members with COVID are too great. A couple of private clubs have restarted, but attendance is

extremely low. For now, we will continue to play bridge on the BBO platform.

- D. Our hard-working manager Mike has been providing numerous BBO sessions. These are currently satisfying player demand and will continue as free sessions
- E. Accommodation @ EL: It was confirmed that East Lindfield will remain a key club venue.
- F. Accommodation @ CW: The site will undergo major building works & restricted parking over the next 4-6 years. The existing building is in poor condition.
- G. Possibility at Help St: A likely new venue is being investigated at Chatswood, near the railway station & bus hub. This is likely to be on a lease (5+5), allowing possible relocation back to a completed Club Willoughby function rooms if desired.
- H. Parking is an issue, with limited available at the proposed site (likely reserved for disabled), but only short walks from existing parking stations (many offering 3Hrs free and options for 4Hrs).
- I. Consultants are being engaged in support of change-of-use and occupancy requirements for this office building site.
- J. David Fryda highlighted and thanked **John Mottram** (retiring NSBC President) for his contribution and commitment to the club.
- K. He also thanked all club staff for adapting and helping with the changed COVID-19 environment and spoke in glowing terms about club's Manager Mike Prescott's performance.

The Bridge Shop has partnered with the North Shore Bridge Club and we are delighted to offer all club members a 15% discount.

We welcome you to drop into our store at 182 Penshurst Street Willoughby or redeem your discount by using the code **NS15** at checkout on our web site.



**NSBC New
2020 President**

David Fryda

Dear Members,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to play this important role in our club's administration. I recognise that I was elected unopposed to this position. However, please rest assured that I know I am accountable to all of you for carrying out my responsibilities with the highest integrity. At any time during my tenure I would encourage all of you to hold me to task if you feel I am not steering the club in what you believe is the right direction.

This year has been an extremely challenging one for all of us and for any of you who may have been directly affected by the coronavirus my thoughts are with you. Personally, I have so far been fortunate not to be impacted above and beyond any other member of the general public. As a passionate bridge player, I have, of course, been impacted. I miss the experience of playing at our club, other clubs, congresses and tournaments and I am eager in anticipation of returning to play "in person". However, I am also, like many, anxious not to put my health or the health of others at risk by participating in an activity where social distancing is exceedingly difficult.

At our AGM on the weekend, those of us who assembled in person for the event naturally found ourselves mingling. The appointed COVID marshal correctly advised us that this was not to be done, but in the process, I was quickly reminded of how a bridge club environment does not lend itself to the safe practices we are all being urged to uphold. Hence, when questions were being asked about when we would be returning to face-to-face bridge it further reinforced to me that one of the priorities for the incoming committee is to prepare our club for the "new normal" of bridge in the post-pandemic world. We will need to consider the safety of our staff, members, and visitors very carefully. We will also need to ensure that we are able to provide access to bridge games for all our

members who wish to participate. As the country's largest bridge club by membership, the scale of the challenge is different to those small clubs with ample space to accommodate the demand of their members wishing to play. We certainly do want to avoid disappointing our members by having to post "HOUSE FULL" signs.

Your incoming committee's other top priority is of course premises. As was explained at the AGM, the Willoughby Club redevelopment which we expect will take place over an extended (up to five year) timeframe, means that we need to find new premises. Playing bridge in a construction site is just not viable. We have been exploring countless alternatives. We are currently working on a submission to Willoughby Council to occupy part of an office building in Help Street in Chatswood. Gaining approval is a complex and time-consuming process and we have engaged a Planning Consultant to assist. Unfortunately, the outcome is by no means a foregone conclusion. Please be assured that your Committee understands the things that are important to you, our members. Unfortunately, the reality is there will likely be some aspects of wherever we select that will not be popular with some members.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generous donations over recent months. For a range of reasons, we elected to provide all members with access to online bridge without implementing a pay-to-play model. Our wonderful staff have embraced learning how to run bridge games and lessons online. Job Keeper has helped us to support and retain our staff. However, we still have ongoing costs of operating without any income. Your support through donations helps us to address this and I urge you all to continue to donate regularly until we can again re-open our doors.

Once again, thank you for allowing me this opportunity. I am a member of a committee with people who really care about the future of your club and I am looking forward to working with them and supporting you.



Mike Prescott

**NSBC
Manager's
Message**

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Changes to NSBC BBO tournaments starting Thursday 6th August

- Monday and Wednesday morning 10.00am Restricted session will now become a combined "**Rookie and Restricted**" - the same as Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We are trying to get more players joining in these sessions. If we fail to build them up, we will cancel the Monday and Wednesday morning sessions, so please join in, and support these time slots.
- As a trial the morning open sessions will be run as un-locked, with the time set at a **faster 18 minutes (6 min/Board)**. This way you will get to complete your boards. This is a trial to see how it goes.
- Registrations will now be available for all sessions, two hours before the session start times. (Open Morning 10.00am registration from 8.00am; the 1.30pm session registration from 11.30am)

Donations

We (NSBC) decided to continue to run "**Free BBO Sessions**" for members, with financial support being obtained by asking for donations to keep the club running.

The alternative that has not been used, was to use the ABF user pays virtual club system. Here BBO charges are paid on entry (fees are in \$BBO dollars (equivalent to 1 \$US), which you must pre-buy prior to any session you play in), but with a percentage of these entry fees being returned to club coffers via the ABF arrangement.

Links for Donations

Please continue to donate to the club as we have many costs to keep things running. Pre-Paid players can email to the club, with ABF number and how much you wish to donate. Or click link below to donate.

<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/payments-with-cart>

Kind regards

Mike and the NSBC team 0435 528 872

Challenge Hand 1

North	Match points EW Vul , Dealer South
♠ AT532	
♥ 53	West will overcall a vulnerable 2♥
♦ A84	
♣ Q32	
South (D)	Can you bid these hands to the best match point contract?
♠ KQJ74	
♥ A	
♦ Q53	
♣ AKT9	

Challenge Hand 2

North	Teams match vs Newcastle	
♠ 7		
♥ AQ65		
♦ J8		
♣ K98542	EW Vulnerable If South opens at 1 level, West will bid 1NT (15-18 balanced) with a stopper	
South (D)		
♠ AQJ965		
♥ -		
♦ KQ97542	Suggest your bidding to your best spot.	
♣ -		

NSW State Veterans Pairs on BBO - results

The first BBO based NSW state tournament was run in July over 3 sessions. The winners and best placed NSBC members were:

Final Rank	BBO - NSW STATE Vet Pairs (29T) Overall Winners	%
1	Robert Krochmalik - Paul Lavings	190.59
2	Dennis Watkins - Roger Conway	181.08
3	Susie Berger - Tony Bond	178.2
5	Pat O'Connor - Kay O'Connor	170.4
7	Elliott Kaplan - Mannie Ichilcik	168.88
9	Judy Marks - Adam Rutkowski	165.65
10	George Bilski - Nicky Strasser	165.64



PRESS RELEASE 31st July 2020 Funbridge and **BBO** wish to emphasise their policy regarding zero tolerance of **bad behaviour and cheating** by participants playing bridge online at their sites. Both organisations strive daily to prevent and detect cheating.

Considerable human and IT resources have been deployed to this end. Both organisations are also working with the World Bridge Federation and all National Bridge Organisations to stamp out any form of cheating, any behaviour contrary to normal, accepted standards or anything that may affect the running of the game. Conditions and Regulations are published on both sites and all participants are encouraged to read them and commit to abiding by them.

Breaches of acceptable behaviour or cheating will be dealt with by the online provider initially and, particularly in the case of cheating, referred for further action as deemed appropriate. "We like this game too much to let a few alter its nature by cheating. We are intransigent on the issue." Olivier Comte - 52 Entertainment President.

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2020 Sydney Spring Nationals Cancelled

Considering the present situation of community transmission of the COVID-19 virus the 2020 Spring Nationals are cancelled.

2021 Gold Coast Congress Cancelled

- International travel without isolation will not happen till late 2021 if not 2022
- The age group of participants is predominantly over 70
- The GCCEC only allowing 60% of participants in the room space even after special dispensation from the Government to allow more participants than other venues. This would mean having the same room but with fewer people
- A survey to current participants had over 10% saying that they would not attend regardless, 3.7% would not attend until a vaccine is available and 2.8 sitting on the fence and just waiting.
- Covid-19 has not gone away yet
- Domestic travel may not be available to its pre-pandemic extent
- Our sponsors may no longer be able to commit.

The GCCEC has been notified that the QBA WOULD NOT be hosting the 2021 Gold Coast Congress.

2020 Club Champion Progress

Month	Ref.	NSBC 2020 Club Championship Events	Weight
Jan Feb	1a	Men's Pairs - Club Willoughby	1x
Jan Feb	1b	Women's Pairs - Club Willoughby	1x
Jan Feb	2	Blue Ribbon Pairs - East Lindfield	1x
Mar	3	Mixed Pairs - Club Willoughby	1x
Mar	4	Swiss Pairs Congress - East Lindfield	1x
Apr	5	Mixed Teams - Club Willoughby	1x
May	6	GNOT Direct qualifier - Club Willoughby	2x
Apr-May	5	Danish Swiss Pairs - on BBO.	new 1x
Jun-	7	Festival Thursday Swiss Pairs - CW	1x
Jun-	8	Festival Friday Teams - CW	1x
Jun-	9a	Festival Saturday Swiss Pairs N-S Field - CW	1x
Jun-	9b	Festival Saturday Swiss Pairs E-W Field - CW	1x
Jun-	10	Festival TBIB Sunday Teams - CW	2x
Jun-Jul	11	Morgans Club Pairs - CW	2x
Jul-Aug	12a	Men's Teams	1x
Jul-Aug	12b	Women's Teams	1x
Aug	13	Swiss Teams Congress - East Lindfield	1x
Aug	14	Stratified Pairs - Club Willoughby + East Lindfield	1x
Sep	15	Matchpoint Swiss Pairs	1x
Oct	16a	MP Pairs Congress N-S Field - East Lindfield	1x
Oct	16b	MP Pairs Congress E-W Field - East Lindfield	1x
Nov	17	Club Teams - Club Willoughby	2x
Dec	18	Monthly Winners Tournament	1x

Link to [Full CC Results](#) to date

We have now **completed only 5 CC** qualifying events by end July the leaders table is:

The qualifying events for the Club Champion have been updated to allow the 2020 process to progress. A few more changes will likely be made if the lock down continues with more events being cancelled.

The McCutcheon's (midway)

The June Masterpoint Centre report listed players who are initially leading (after 6 months) in the 2020 McCutcheon award grades. Members appearing are listed below.

NSBC members - Making McCutcheon 6month rank report			
	Home	Grade	Grade Rank
Peter Gill	SBC	Overall	1
Jessica Brake	K&Q	Grand Master	8
Jane Beeby	CW	Silver Life	3
Hans Van Weeren	CW		5
Margaret Stevens	CW	National**	1
Peter Robinson	CW	National	4
Eva Shand	K&Q	Bronze Life	8
Colin Clifford	SBC	State*	2
Robbie Feyder	SBC		3
Don Mullineux	EL	Regional *	6
Mary Harrington	EL		7
Jo Ampherlaw	CW	Local*	7
Karen Doecke	CW	Club	6
Kerry Barling	CW	Graduate	8

NSBC BBO Swiss Pairs

BBO Swiss Pairs (20T limit)		Imps
1/3 Session Results Thursday 23/July		
1	Mischa Solar & Alicia Mercer	60.20
2	Margaret Owen & Sunny Pang	53.74
3	Michael Bishop & Robyn Rogers	42.38
BBO Swiss Pairs (20T limit)		Imps
2/3 Session Results Monday 27/July		
1	Thomas & Prue Siemsglues	56.15
2	Brenda Kaplan & Helene Jacobson	49.92
3	Andrew Goodchild & Catherine Chaffey	49.46
BBO Swiss Pairs (20T limit)		Imps
3/3 Session Results Thursday 30/July		
1	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	46.87
2	John Mottram & Helen Christie	46.44
3	David Smee & Alexis Ngan	44.02
Final Rank	BBO Pairs Overall Winners	
1	Thomas & Prue Siemsglues	89.00
2	John Mottram & Helen Christie	88.46
3	Mischa Solar & Alicia Mercer	72.30
4	David Smee & Alexis Ngan	48.10



Winners: Thomas & Prue



John

Helen



Mischa

Alicia

NSBC BBO Pairs (Imp scoring)

BBO Pairs Movement (IMP scoring) (20T limit) 1/3 Session Results Thursday 6/August		Imps
1 NS	Brenda Kaplan & Elliot Kaplan	40.82
2 NS	David Smee & Alexis Ngan	37.81
1 EW	Thomas & Prue Siemsgluess	29.48
2 EW	Pamela Potter + BBO Sub	29.14
BBO Pairs Movement (IMP scoring) (20T limit) 1/3 Session Results Thursday 13/Aug		Imps
1 NS	Thomas & Prue Siemsgluess	43.02
2 NS	Kevin Davies & George Finikiotis	38.47
1 EW	John Mottram & Helen Christie	73.36
2 EW	David Smee & Alexis Ngan	41.53
BBO Pairs Movement (IMP scoring) (20T limit) 1/3 Session Results Thursday 20/Aug		Imps
1 NS	Barbara Temple & Thomas Fischer	50.80
2 NS	David Smee & Alexis Ngan	34.24
1 EW	Thomas & Prue Siemsgluess	86.85
2 EW	Malcolm Martin & Natalie Chupin	31.51
Final Rank	BBO Pairs Movement (IMP scoring) Overall Winners	Total Imps
1	Thomas & Prue Siemsgluess	159.35
2	David Smee & Alexis Ngan	113.58
3	John Mottram & Helen Christie	112.11
4	Ming Xie & Wenjie Liu	54.55



Winners: Thomas & Prue



David & Alexis



John

Helen

July BBO Monthly winners

OPEN	Open Winners (July)	Pts
1	Alicia Mercer	145
2	John Mottram	127
3	Tony Burke	124
4	Tim Mountjoy	120



Winner: Alicia



2nd: John

Pos	Winners July Restricted	Pts
1=	Felix Shteyman	36
1=	Tien Chey	36
3=	Elizabeth Platt	30
3=	Jane Loveday	30



Winner: Felix



Winner: Tien

Note: Restricted Monthly award is for pairs <300 MP i.e. max Rank= *National Master

Pos	Winner JULY Rookie	Pts
1	Sue Gordon	84
2	Yeung Cheung	68
3=	Anne Craig	67
3=	David Craig	67
3=	Jo Ampherlaw	67



Winner Sue



2nd Yeung

Note: Rookie Monthly award is for players <100 MP i.e. Max Rank = Regional Master

July Masterpoint Promotions

Due to lock down and limited masterpoint files processed by the ABF Masterpoint Centre by the **end of July**, there have been limited promotions in Masterpoint ranks. This has improved with NSBC issuing masterpoint awards for all BBO sessions.

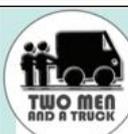
From East Lindfield:

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of July
Tennant, Kay	EL	**Local
Ferster, Sara	EL	Graduate
Shteyman, Marina	EL	Graduate

And from Club Willoughby:

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of July
Biscoe, Jane	SBC	**National
Li, Ming	CW	State
Camilleri, Joe	CW	Regional
Irvin, Mary	CW	**Local
Siemsglueck, Thomas	CW	**Local
Higgins, Tricia	CW	*Local
Kindl, Margi	CW	*Local
Ackroyd, Lynda	CW	Local
Holgate, Susan	CW	Local
Kohn, Elana	CW	Local
White, Greg	CW	Club
Kelly, Paul	CW	Club
Harrisson, Ruth	CW	Graduate
Haberlin, Harry	CW	Graduate
Burt, Deborah	CW	Graduate
Godfrey, Jenny	CW	Graduate

Club Sponsors

 <p>Morgans IN ALLIANCE WITH CIMB</p> <p>Morgans Chatswood will work with you to develop an individual investment strategy that meets your financial requirements, both now and into the future.</p> <p>Contact club member Daniel Dreyfus. (02) 8116 1700 www.morgans.com.au</p>	 <p>We may have begun in a suburban backyard in Sydney, but we have since gone Australia-wide to bring you the highest quality in removalist services anywhere in our sunny country.</p> <p>From personalised packing services, to comprehensive insurance, clean up and waste removal and even storage, we can make your move around Australia the most hassle-free you'll ever undertake! We are accredited by the Australian Furniture Removalist Association (AFRA), which gives you the peace of mind that every single one of our services is performed to the highest standard.</p> <p>1300 880 853 www.twomen.com.au</p>
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ABF MASTER RANKINGS				
Rank	Minimum Requirements			
	Total	Green	Red & Gold	Gold
Graduate	2	2		
Club	5	5		
Local	15	15		
*Local	25	25		
**Local	35	35		
Regional	50	50		
*Regional	100	100		
State	50	25	25	
*State	100	50	50	
National	150	75	75	
*National	200	100	100	
**National	300	150	150	
Life	300	120	180	30
Bronze Life	400	160	240	40
Silver Life	500	200	300	50
Gold Life	750	300	450	75
Grand	1000	300	700	200
Silver Grand	2500	600	1900	600
Gold Grand	5000	1000	4000	1400
Emerald Grand	10000	1500	8500	3000
Diamond Grand	15000	2000	13000	5000

BBO Open Session Results

Date	NSBC BBO Event Name	T		Late JULY Open Winners	Score
26-Jul	S Open 1pm	20	NS	Angie & Peter Boulton	63%
			EW	Peter Bendelstein & Helene Jacobson	65%
27-Jul	M Open 10am	17	NS	Helen Horwitz & Helen Lowry	66%
			EW	David Osie & Hymie Osie	63%
	M Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	61%
			EW	Eva Shand & Les Varadi	67%
28-Jul	T Open 10am	16	NS	Narelle Clark & Jann Cathels	63%
			EW	Brian Soutter & Adam Rutkowski	65%
	T Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Christine Vinson & Bev Peters	60%
			EW	George Finikiotis & Kevin Davies	72%
29-Jul	W Open 10am	14	NS	Tamara Samuels & Marlene Epstein	60%
			EW	Lorraine Schaap & Helen Christie	69%
	W Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Liz Fanos & Margaret Foster	62%
			EW	Margie Hullah & Nancy Brownie	61%
	W Open 7pm	18	NS	Hymie Osie & David Osie	68%
			EW	Terry Dunne & Ian MacLaren	60%
30-Jul	T Open 10am	10	NS	Sally Zylberberg & Lee Santow	63%
			EW	Joan Polivnick & Carol McMurray	67%
	T Open 1:30 pm	19	NS	Mariaine Gahan & Colin Thomas	65%
			EW	Tracey Kessler & Lauren Ehrlich	60%
31-Jul	F Open 10am	10	NS	Colin Clifford & Margaret Foster	61%
			EW	Barry Shine & Joe Barda	66%
	F Open 1:30 pm	18	NS	Graham James & Richard Cross	64%
			EW	Alexis Ngan & Ed Truscott	65%

BBO Open Session Results

Date	NSBC BBO Event Name	T	Mid August Open Winners	Score
8-Aug	Open 10am	8	1 Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	61%
			2 George Finikiotis & Liz Fanos	60%
	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Tina Strickland & Ceiny Maybury EW Lester & Lynn Kalmin	64% 61%
9-Aug	Open 1pm	20	NS Neil Perry & Fiona Lavery EW Eva Shand & Les Varadi	61% 71%
			1 Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	63%
10-Aug	Open 10am	16	2 Judy Bardone & Rosalind Hayden	62%
			NS Barry Feyder & Tony Smuts	65%
	Open 1:30 pm		EW Eva Shand & Les Varadi	72%
11-Aug	Open 10am	12	1 Sunny Pang & Malcolm Clift	68%
			2 Adam Rutkowski & Brian Soutter	63%
	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Eva Shand & Les Varadi EW Malcolm Martin & Natalie Chupin	62% 72%
12-Aug	Open 10am	10	1 Peter Bendelstein & Peter Liphthay	60%
			2 Janice Harris & Julianne Rocks	59%
	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer EW David Smees & Alexis Ngan	60% 64%
			NS Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey EW Steven Bock & Kevin Davies	65% 66%
13-Aug	Open 10am	8	1 Lissa & Nick Swan	63%
			2 Jenny Barnes & Catherine Else	62%
	Open 1:30 pm	18	NS Esther Lee & Peter Robinson EW Tim Trahair & Peter Fitzmaurice	68% 67%
14-Aug	Open 10am	15	1 Joe Barda & Barry Shine	65%
			2 John Rogers & Peter Robinson	64%
	Open 1:30 pm	15	NS Gail Phillips & Marsha Geikie EW Malcolm Martin & Peter Bendelstein	63% 59%

Date	NSBC BBO Event Name	T	Late August Open Winners	Score
15-Aug	Open 10am		Club AGM Meeting	
		20	NS Maurice & Rachael Loomes	65%
16-Aug	Open 2:00 pm		EW Eva Shand & Les Varadi	64%
		19	NS Ceiny Maybury & Lydia Gibbs	61%
			EW Margaret Stanton & David Burton	60%
17-Aug	Open 10am	15	1 Leo Goorevich & Kevin Davies	71%
			2 Jeanette Abrams & Colin Clifford	70%
	Open 1:30 pm	17	NS Rachael & Maurice Loomes EW Mary Carter & Kathryn Brien	62% 60%
18-Aug	Open 10am	10	1 Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	64%
			2 Lorraine Schaap & John Mottram	63%
	Open 1:30 pm	19	NS Bruce & Joyce Edwards EW Eva Shand & Les Varadi	60% 66%
19-Aug	Open 10am	13	1 Jenny Barnes & Catherine Else	63%
			2 Tamara Samuels & Marlene Epstein	63%
	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Jamileh Mirzadeh & Cyril Reynolds EW Peter Jeffery & Judy Osie	62% 61%
			NS Thomas & Prue Siemsglues EW George Finikiotis & Leo Goorevich	62% 62%
20-Aug	Open 10am	9	1 Derek Maltz & Adam Rutkowski	67%
			2 Ron Speiser & Joe Barda	63%
	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Ian Bailey & Janet Crocker EW Helen Lowry & Judy Osie	72% 67%
21-Aug	Open 10am	12	1 Margaret Foster & Colin Clifford	65%
			2 Barry Shine & Joe Barda	63%
	Open 1:30 pm	13	NS John Mottram & Helen Christie EW Maurice & Rachael Loomes	64% 64%

Date	NSBC BBO Event Name	T	Late August Open Winners	Score
22-Aug	Open 10am	6	1 Brian Osborne & Felix Shteyman	63%
			2 Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	59%
	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Eva Shand & Les Varadi EW Lester & Lynn Kalmin	70% 68%
23-Aug	Open 1pm	17	NS Eva Shand & Les Varadi EW Ruth Tobin & Steven Bock	63% 65%

BBO August Open Monthly BBO leaders

Pos	Leaders AUG Open	MP Rank	Sess	Pts
1=	Eva Shand	Bronze Life	14	116
1=	Les Varadi	Silver Grand	14	116
3=	Bill Westwood	Silver Grand	19	107
3=	Tom Goodyer	Silver Grand	19	107
5	Judy Osie	Grand	12	86
6	Peter Bendelstein	Gold Life	18	82
7	Tim Mountjoy	Life	13	82

BBO Combined Rookie/Restricted Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	Rookie & Restricted Combined late JULY Winners	Score
27-Jul	M Restricted 10am	5	NS Glenys Nice & Elizabeth Platt	58%
			EW Owen Aubrey & John Bartrop	73%
29-Jul	W Restricted 10am	4	NS Tien Chey & Vera Cranston	59%
			EW Noreen Wallace & Christine Pelosi	62%
30-Jul	T Rookie & Restricted 2pm	10	NS Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	65%
			EW Tien Chey & James McDonnell	62%
31-Jul	F Rookie & Restricted 2pm	13	NS Catherine Versi & Elizabeth Platt	60%
			EW Margaret Easton & Carol Colhoun	65%

Date	NSBC Event	T	Rookie & Restricted Combined early August Winners	Score
1-Aug	S Rookie & Restricted 2pm	3	NS Yeung Cheung & Sue Gordon	65%
			EW Felix & Marina Shteyman	59%
3-Aug	M Restricted 10am	2	1 Josephine Abrahams & Robyn Wilmot	64%
5-Aug	W Restricted 10am	3	1 Glenys Nice & Catherine Versi	68%
			NS Rhonda Small & Sharon Davis	63%
6-Aug	T Rookie & Restricted 2pm	12	NS Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	61%
			EW James McDonnell & Tien Chey	58%
7-Aug	F Rookie & Restricted 2pm	13	NS Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	73%
			NS Tien Chey & Felix Shteyman	67%
8-Jan	S Rookie & Restricted 2pm	9	NS Jack Abrams & Leesa Abrams	56%
			NS Denise Reilly & Sylvia Enklaar	63%
10-Aug	M 10am Rookie & Restricted	6	EW Geraldine Newbegin & Suzanne Cole	65%
			NS Vera Cranston & Tien Chey	69%
12-Aug	W 10am Rookie & Restricted	7	EW Sharon Thompson & Nicky O'Connell	62%
			NS Mary Harrington & Don Mullineux	67%
14-Aug	F 10am Rookie & Restricted	12	NS Jack Abrams & Sue Rutkowski	59%
			EW Mary Harrington & Don Mullineux	67%
15-Aug	S Rookie & Restricted 2pm	8	NS Jack Abrams & Sue Rutkowski	59%
			EW Mary Harrington & Don Mullineux	66%
			NS Tien Chey & Felix Shteyman	66%

Date	NSBC Event	T	Rookie & Restricted Combined	Score
17-Aug	M 10am Rookie & Restricted	4	1 Ross Yates & Keith O'Malley	60%
			2 Pauline Beckton & Jane Loveday	58%
19-Aug	W 10am Rookie & Restricted	4	1 Nicky O'Connell & Sharon Thompson	56%
			2 Jane Loveday & Karen Doecke	52%
20-Aug	T Rookie & Restricted 2pm	12	NS Brian Emanuel & Deborah Burt	63%
			EW Sandie Rooke & Suzanne Cole	64%
21-Aug	F Rookie & Restricted 2pm	13	NS Elizabeth Platt & Catherine Versi	62%
			EW Caroline Needham & Sharon Thompson	71%
22-Aug	S Rookie & Restricted 2pm	7	NS Sylvia Enklaar & Denise Reilly	59%
			EW Stuart Schon & Maeve Doyle	70%



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BBO August Combined Monthly BBO leaders

Pos	Leaders AUG Combined Rookie & Restricted <300 MP <***National	MP Rank	Ses	Pts
1	Tien Chey	Regional	12	50
2	Felix Shteyman	Regional	9	38
3=	Don Mullineux	*Regional	10	27
3=	Mary Harrington	*Regional	10	27
5	Sharon Thompson	No Rank	6	23
6	Catherine Versi	Regional	5	21
7	Yeung Cheung	Regional	10	20

Note: Combined (Restricted & Rookie) Monthly award is for players with <300 Masterpoints i.e. MP Rank below *****National Rank**

BBO August Rookie Monthly BBO leaders

Pos	Leader Rookie only (<100 MP <*Regional)	MP Rank	Sess	Pts
1	Felix Shteyman	Regional	16	80
2	Tien Chey	Regional	15	71
3	Sue Gordon	Regional	18	62
4	Sharon Thompson	No Rank	12	54
5	Deborah Burt	No Rank	12	49
6	Yeung Cheung	Regional	19	44

Note: Rookie Monthly award is for players with <100 Masterpoints i.e. MP Rank below ****Regional Rank**

BBO Rookie Only Session Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	Rookie only late JULY Winners	Score
27-Jul	M Rookie 2pm	16	NS Karen Doecke & Kerry Barling	71%
			EW Margaret Warnes & Julie Arnheim	69%
28-Jul	Rookie 2pm	12	NS Ruth Harrisson & Jenny Godfrey	62%
			EW Anne Lancaster & Bill Sardana	59%
	Rookie 7pm	6	NS Robyn Satill & Ian Satill	62%
			EW Maeve Doyle & Stuart Schon	70%
29-Jul	W Rookie 2pm	17	NS Peter Brown & Lynnette Brown	66%
			EW Keri Rooney & Moya Barnett	65%

Date	NSBC Event	T	Rookie only early August Winners	Score
3-Aug	M Rookie 2pm	17	NS Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	76%
			EW Jennie Hoffmann & Margaret Easton	65%
4-Aug	Rookie 2pm	15	NS Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	66%
			EW Sharon Thompson & David Boyle	66%
	Rookie 7pm	8	NS Jack Abrams & Leesa Abrams	66%
			EW Stuart Schon + BBO Sub	67%
5-Aug	W Rookie 2pm	20	NS Marg Daridis & Robyn Walker	65%
10-Aug	M Rookie 2pm	20	NS Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	68%
			EW Doug Leigh & Catherine McReady	63%
11-Aug	Rookie 2pm	17	NS Giles Drake & Russell Drake	69%
			EW Don Chisholm & Chris Lewis	61%
	Rookie 7pm	7	NS Vera Cranston & Tien Chey	62%
			EW Francis Leadbeter & Jackie Coles	61%
12-Aug	W Rookie 2pm	20	NS Felix & Marina Shteyman	67%
			EW Judy Muller & Dara Fraser	66%
17-Aug	M Rookie 2pm	20	NS Dean & Marg Daridis	67%
			EW Doug Leigh & Catherine McReady	63%
18-Aug	Rookie 2pm	16	NS Leone Devine & Helen Green	62%
			EW Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	69%
	Rookie 7pm	5	NS Vera Cranston & Tien Chey	66%
			EW Stuart Schon & Maeve Doyle	62%
19-Aug	W Rookie 2pm	20	NS Neil Edwards & Marina Shteyman	65%
			EW Jan Miley & Anne Lancaster	60%
			EW Felix Shteyman & Lorna Davies	73%



Visit the NSBC club Website

Leo Goorevich
NSBC Web Master

Have you visited our club website? **Come and explore!**

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The screenshot shows the North Shore Bridge Club website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, About us, Results, Upcoming Events, BBO Sessions, Club Events, Club Documents, Lessons, and Contact Us. A main banner features a large dollar sign icon and text stating: "NSBC lessons will continue ON-LINE on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays See Description under 'Lessons' below". Below this, contact information for Anita (ac210927@bigpond.net.au) and Jess (jessicabrakebridge@gmail.com) is provided. A section titled "Multi Sess Results" is visible. On the right, there are logos for Morgans and CIMB. The main content area includes a "BBO Schedule" section, a "What Happened at the AGM?" section with a photo of the AGM and text explaining the 2020 AGM was delayed due to COVID-19, and a "Bridge Lessons" section with a "Learn To Play Bridge" sub-section. A "Delayed AGM in the Covid era" section is also present at the bottom.



Trump Techniques
By Pat O'Connor

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ A9542	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ 6				1♥
♦ AQT85	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
♣ 96	Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
	Bidding Notes			
South (D)	1♥	5+♥ Good 55 promoted Opening		
♠ 3	Pass	Happy if they play in ♥		
♥ AQ543	1♠	6+hcp 4+♠		
♦ KJ976	Pass	Happy if they play in ♠		
♣ 83	2♦	Second Suit		
	4♦	Good Raise		
	5♦	Try Game		

West leads the ♠A then the ♠K and switches to the ♦3 at trick three to reduce your ruffing power. You play the ♦5 from dummy, East plays the ♦2 and you win in hand with the ♦6.

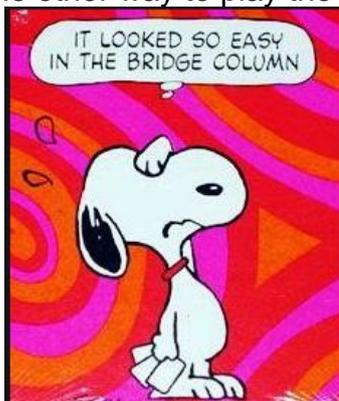
What next?

Analysis

Counting losers, you have already lost two in clubs and you have four in hearts. You may be able to set up the heart suit by ruffing some heart losers in dummy, but you would need a friendly heart distribution.

The only outstanding trump still held by the opponents is the lowly four. Should you draw it and start ruffing hearts in dummy?

Is there some other way to play the hand?



The Full Deal

	North	
	♠ A9542	
West	♥ 6	East
♠ T8	♦ AQT85	♠ KQJ76
♥ KT972	♣ 96	♥ J8
♦ 3		♦ 42
♣ AKT42	South (D)	♣ QJ75
	♠ 3	
5♦/S	♥ AQ543	Vul nil
Lead ♠A	♦ KJ976	Dir: S
	♣ 83	

This is the time for a special type of play – a crossruff.

South is short of spades and North is short of hearts. The aim of a crossruff is to take your trumps separately. This is how it works:

As a general principle, in a crossruff it is important to cash your side winners first because if you leave them until later, they may be ruffed. So, cash the ♠A and the ♥A. The lead will be in your hand. Lead a heart and ruff it in dummy. The lead is now in dummy, so lead a spade and trump it in your hand. Ruff another heart in dummy and another spade in hand, continuing this way until you have made all the tricks! You managed to ruff four hearts in dummy and four spades in hand. Add the ♠A and the ♥A and the diamond you won at trick 3 and that comes to eleven tricks.

We have ignored the outstanding trump – the ♦4. East can play it at any time, but it will not beat your trumps, which are all higher than the four. Note that it would be a mistake to draw the ♦4 before embarking on the crossruff because you would then only be able to ruff three times in each hand and would end up one trick short.

Key Point

When you have trump length in both your hand and dummy, and shortness in two side suits, consider a crossruff.



Timing of the play to maximise your chances

Adapted from an **Eddie Kantar** article from the ACBL Bridge feed website.

Timing the play

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ KJ3	West	North	East	S (D)
♥ K764				2♣
♦ AJ2	Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
♣ 743	Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
	Pass	6NT	All Pass	
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ AQ2	2♣	GF opening (22+)		
♥ A52	2♦	Waiting Bid		
♦ KQ87	2NT	22-24 Balance		
♣ AKJ	3C	Stayman		
	3♦	No 4 card Major		
	6NT	Practical 34+ HCP		

Bidding

You (South) open a game-force 2♣, and rebid 2NT (showing 22 to 24 HCP) after partner's 2♦ 'waiting bid' response. Partner then checks major holdings by a stayman bid 3♣, but discovers you have no 4 major (my 3♦ bid). Partner then just boosts you to 6NT knowing of at least 34-36 HCP between the two hands. The opening lead is the ♠T. Plan the play.

Preliminary analysis:

Winners = 3x♠+2x♥+4x♦+2x♣=11

Losers: = No top losers

You have 11 top tricks with two clear chances for a 12th trick & your contract:

- If the Hearts break 3-3 (a 36% chance)
- Finesse ♠Q hopefully with East (a 50% chance)

Solution:

You should try setting up an extra trick in the longer suit (hearts) first, is best because if the suit does not break 3-3, you are still alive, and can then take the club finesse. You combine both chances as the best solution.

The combined plan, therefore, is to first duck a heart and then test hearts by cashing ♥AK.

- T1 West leads ♠T which you win in hand with the ♠Q, both EW follow.
- T2 Declarer now leads the ♥2 to the ♥4, which east likely wins
- T3 Declarer wins whatever suit that East exits
- T45 Declarer then cashes the ♥A, and then the ♥K in dummy. He is rewarded with the hearts being 33 and claims as you have the high 13th heart and 12 tricks and will not need the club finesse.

If hearts do not break 33, you are still alive and then you must take the club finesse for contract. Your chances for the combined strategy success have improved to about 68%.

For the technically minded:

Success = 3-3 Break% + (50% x Non break%)
 Success = 36% + (50% x 64%) = 68%

The technique of ducking a heart and then playing the ♥AK is far superior to playing the ♥AK and then a heart to see if they divide 3-3 for two reasons:

- a. You retain control of the suit if they break poorly 4-2 so you can still take the club finesse.
- b. If hearts are 4-2, the opponents can take two heart tricks in which case you never do get a chance to take a club finesse (after cashing the club ace beforehand in case of a singleton queen).

The full deal:

	North	
	♠ KJ3	
West	♥ K764	East
♠ T986	♦ AJ2	♠ 754
♥ T83	♣ 743	♥ QJ9
♦ T53		♦ 964
♣ Q95	South (D)	♣ T862
	♠ AQ2	
6NT/S	♥ A52	Vul nil
Lead ♠T	♦ KQ87	Dir: N
	♣ AKJ	

Here it is vital to duck a heart trick. On this hand your club position is safe from an immediate attack, so you have time to test the hearts while keeping control of the suit.

New Player Team



There is a lot on offer to help our newer players to keep improving their game.

For our supervised players we are now offering a day-time game and an evening game. Supervisors are available to answer questions on bidding and play. Later in the week the supervised players receive some written feedback on a topic that came up frequently in the games that week, for example NT rebids.

BBO Supervised Session Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	Late July Supervised Winners	Score
28-Jul	M Supervised 7pm	4	Helen Freeman & Beth Morton	69%
29-Jul	T Supervised 10:30am	6	Sue Dickinson & Sharon Thompson	74%
Date	NSBC Event	T	August Supervised Winners	Score
3-Aug	M Supervised 7pm	5	Peter O'Donnell & Mark Field	65%
4-Aug	T Supervised 10:30am	6	Jacqui Lowe & Diana Moore	74%
10-Aug	M Supervised 7pm	5	Des Cohen & Hilton Rosenthal	64%
11-Aug	T Supervised 10:30am	5	Beverley Piper & Trish Dunicliff	68%
17-Aug	M Supervised 7pm	5	Judy Gleeson & Louise James	64%
18-Aug	T Supervised 10:30am	6	Neil Edwards & Marina Shteyman	80%

For our rookie players we now have games available Monday through Saturday during the day, and an evening game on a Tuesday.

We also have a half-hour pregame talk on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and full lessons Wednesday through Friday.

Times of all the games can be found on our website at:

<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/node/1231>

Responding to pre-empts - to make life even more difficult for the opponents

The principle is the same whether responding to an overcall, a Weak Two opener, a Weak Three opener or a Weak Jump Overcall. Holding a weak hand with support, work out how many cards are held by the partnership and bid for that number of tricks. It is termed bidding to the level of the fit and it is a winning competitive bidding strategy — because of the Law of Total Tricks (more in another edition). A word about Weak Jump Overcalls. Say an opponent opens 1♣. If you jump to 2♥, you are showing a hand which would have opened (a Weak) 2♥; if you jump to 3♥, you are showing a hand which would have opened 3♥. Simple and highly effective.

Back to responding to the level of the fit. Say partner opens (or indeed makes a Weak Jump overcall of) 3♦, showing a 7-card suit. **How should you respond with these hands?**

<p>Hand 1</p> <p>♠ 982</p> <p>♥ 7</p> <p>♦ QJ82</p> <p>♣ A9432</p>	<p>With this hand, bid 5♦. There is an 11-card diamond fit, so bid for 11 tricks. You would do this non-vulnerable or vulnerable. But if your shape were duller (flat), making two of your clubs into hearts, you would be wise to settle for 4♦ if vulnerable.</p>
<p>Hand 2</p> <p>♠ AJ3</p> <p>♥ 62</p> <p>♦ KJ4</p> <p>♣ 98762</p>	<p>With this hand, raise to 4♦, the (ten-card) level of the fit. Your opponents will now have to guess what to do at an uncomfortably high level.</p>
<p>Hand 3</p> <p>♠ KJ82</p> <p>♥ QJ3</p> <p>♦ 942</p> <p>♣ QJ3</p>	<p>With this hand, you need to use your nous, because of the defensive nature of your hand together with the flat shape. If you bid 4♦, the level of the fit, and the opponents may double you, and you could lose a lot of tricks and there is no guarantee the opponents are making a game. The wise action here is to take no action and just Pass.</p>

Always remember that the level of the fit is a guide, not a gospel.



Anita



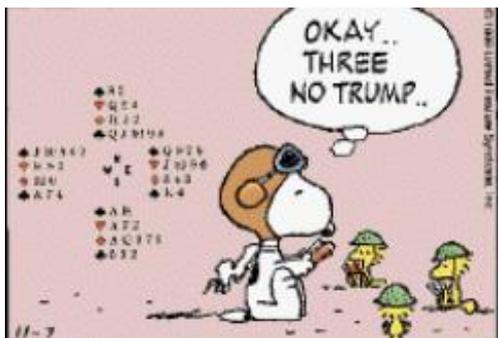
Jessica

In 2020, our development teachers are Anita Curtis and Jessica Brake.

Build on the Basics is for people who are returning to bridge after a long break or who have completed Beginners and have played for 3-6 months. The normal Build on the Basics lessons are now split into 2: Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10am for approximately 1 hour each session on Zoom/BBO.

Dates	Build on Basics - Lesson Topic	Wed 10am AND Thurs 10am
Wed Aug 26 Thur Aug 27	Week 4	Focus on Defence in NTs
Wed Sep 2 Thur Sep 3	Week 5	Supporting partner
Wed Sep 9 Thur Sep 10	Week 6	Now what do I do?
Wed Sep 16 Thur Sep 17	Week 7	Oh No, I'm in the wrong hand!
Wed Sep 23 Thur Sep 24	Week 8	Sorry Partner, I can't support you!
Wed Sep 30 Thur Oct 1	Week 9	Responder's NT Bids

Develop Your Skills (DYS) with Anita is for players who have completed the "Build on the Basics" course or who have been playing for approximately one year. These lessons extend knowledge in bidding and play and prepare players to move to the Rookie level. They are held via Zoom/BBO sessions on Thursday afternoons at 2pm.



Date	Anita Curtis Thursday afternoon @ 2:00pm Develop your skills - Lesson Topic
Thur Aug 27	I CAN support you but not now! (The Canberra Convention – delayed support)
Thur Sep 3	Managing entries (Declarer play)
Thur Sep 10	Let's get into the bidding (Weak jump overcalls)
Thur Sep 17	Whose hand is it? (Competitive bidding)
Thur Sep 24	Hand analysis 1
Thur Oct 1	Signalling is Legal

Broaden Your Game/Intermediate with Anita is a set of lessons for intermediate players with typically 3 years of Bridge experience. It follows on from Develop Your Skills.

The lessons are held over Zoom video on **Friday mornings** at 10am.

Date	Anita Curtis Friday morning @ 10am Broaden your game/Intermediate - Lesson Topic
Fri Aug 28	Gentle Hand Analysis 20 for intermediate players to improve all skills
Fri Sep 4	Advancer & competitive bidding. This is for ADVANCED players who want to raise their competitive bidding skills to the next level.
Fri Sep 11	Eddie Kantar Hand Analysis – challenging hands from an expert!
Fri Sep 18	Establish your side suit – improve your declarer play by practising how to set up your side suit (in suit contracts)
Fri Sep 25	Gentle Hand Analysis 21 for intermediate players to improve all skills
Fri Oct 2	Fourth Suit Forcing part 2 – going to slam (Continues from part 1). 4SF is a wonderful tool if you are interested in slam. Bidding only session.

A **new monthly session** on Friday afternoons for gentle hand analysis fans.

Date	Anita Curtis Friday Afternoons @ 2pm Gentle hand analysis once a month
Fri Sep 11	Gentle Hand Analysis 11 for anyone who wants to improve all their skills
Fri Oct 9	Gentle Hand Analysis 12 for anyone who wants to improve all their skills



Larry Cohen

Tips on Fourth Seat Openings

After Pass-Pass-Pass, there are some items to consider such as:

Fourth-seat weak two-bids

The normal range for a weak two-bid is about 6-10 HCP. But, after three passes, surely you would not open the bidding with 6 points (nor 7, 8, or 9). Really, the range for a 4th-seat weak two should be about 10-14.

After three passes, I would be happy to open 2♠ with: ♠KQT965 ♥K3 ♦98 ♣KJ5. This combines pre-emption with description. Of course, you cannot open this hand 2♠ in any other seat, because it is too strong.

Three-level pre-empts in fourth seat also show close to opening-bid values and 7 card suits.

Rule of 15

The “book” rule on whether to open with a one-level bid in 4th seat says to add your HCP to your number of spades. If the total is 15, open the bidding. If less than 15, pass it out.

The theory is that it will be a part score battle, and if your side does not have enough of the high-ranking spade suit, you could easily lose the battle.

So, you would pass out this hand:

♠4 ♥KJ54 ♦KJ87 ♣K987 (11 HCP+1♠ =12)

but open this hand:

♠KQT92 ♥AJ4 ♦876 ♣53 (10 HCP+5♠s =15).

Drury

When you open in 4th seat, you are often on the light side. If you open 1♠ with ♠KQT92 ♥AJ4 ♦876 ♣53, you do not want partner to get too excited. Say that he has a good hand with game interest

♠AJ5 ♥76 ♦J42 ♣AJ872.

You would not want to get too high opposite that hand (8 tricks are the limit). The responder is too strong for 2♠, but rather than bid 3♠ or a 3♥ Bergen, he can bid an artificial 2♣ bid (Drury) to say he has a limit raise (it is just a coincidence that this example contains a club suit. The Drury 2♣ bid says nothing about clubs. Playing modern Drury, the opener would then rebid 2♠ to say he is not interested in game and the partnership stops safely on the two level. (Technically, this is called “Reverse Drury”, but it is the way “everyone” plays it today.) Drury is also often used after 3rd-seat openings (also potentially light).

CRIFS

Now, forget the Rule of 15 for deciding whether to open or pass out the deal in fourth seat. I prefer CRIFS- “Cohen’s Rule in Fourth Seat.” Any time it is borderline (like 10, 11, 12 HCP), evaluate your opponents! Yes, I am serious.

If you are playing against Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell (or the best pair at your local duplicate game), then pass it out. You will likely get a middle Matchpoint score/result. Who needs to open and then do battle with an expert pair who will fight hard for the part score and play or defend well?

Conversely, if you look up at your opponents and see Schlemiel and Schlimazel (the worst pair), then open the bidding. You can push them around in the auction and will get an extra trick or two in the play/defence. You rate to go plus—so do not pass the board out.

Please do not tell your opponent’s why you opened that 10-count in fourth seat (I do not want them to know what we think of their game).

	<p>The difference between play in Matchpoints & IMPS</p>
	<p>Adapted from an Eddie Kantar article from the ACBL Bridge feed site.</p>

There are many hands where more than one line of play exists to try and make your contract. If you select the best percentage line(s) your chances of making the hand increase, but if you do not, you will often struggle.

But why make the worst of it? The idea is to take the line of play, which if it does not work, still allows you to take the other line, and there may even be a third line! This is called 'staying alive'. In *other* words, avoid putting all your eggs in one basket!

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ AQ4	West	North	East	S (D)
♥ AQ				1NT
♦ J9832	Pass	3NT	All Pass	
♣ 732				
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ K8	1NT	Stretch to 15-17		
♥ 542	3NT	To play		
♦ A64				
♣ AQJT4				

You (south) decide to treat your hand as worth 15 points (look at those clubs) and open 1NT. Partner raises you to 3NT and you wind up playing the hand from the wrong side. Hopefully, partner will not count your points.

- T1 West leads the ♥J. You try the ♥Q, but no luck East wins the ♥K.
- T2 East returns the ♥8 to dummy's ♥A
- T3 You lead a ♣2 to the ♣Q and it wins.

Plan the play from here.

You need five clubs' tricks to make the contract and it looks like East has the needed king.

Option-A

One possibility is to cash three spades discarding a diamond and repeat the club finesse. If East has Kx or Kxx you score five club tricks or **10 tricks in all**.

Option-B

But what if East has four clubs headed by the king? In that case you will need **two additional** dummy entries to take two more club finesses. The safest way to take five club tricks is to **overtake** the ♠K, take a second club finesse, and assuming if West shows out, cross to the ♠Q and take a third club finesse. You wind up with nine tricks (and a grateful partner). Five clubs, two spades and two red aces.

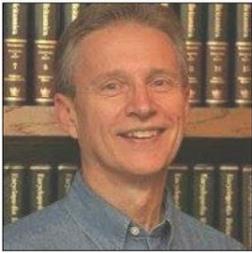
This hand is one of many that illustrate the difference between IMP and Matchpoint play on the hand strategy.

At **IMPs** you do not worry that much about overtricks because your primary concern is making your contract with minimum risk. Hence option B is preferred at IMPS

At **Matchpoints** although, you often risk the contract for the sake of an overtrick (or two) providing the odds favour the risk. In this case the odds favour the risk. It is far more likely that East has two or three clubs headed by the king than four clubs headed by the king. At Matchpoints, cash three spades and repeat the club finesse just one last time.

The full deal, you would have gone down at Matchpoints using play option-A

	North	
	♠ AQ4	
West	♥ AQ	East
♠ J6532	♦ J9832	♠ T97
♥ JT973	♣ 732	♥ K86
♦ Q5		♦ KT7
♣ 6	South (D)	♣ K985
	♠ K8	
3NT/S	♥ 542	Vul nil
Lead ♥J	♦ A64	Dir: N
	♣ AQJT4	



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Your Best Chance

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ K953	West	North	East (D)	South
♥ Q4			Pass	1NT
♦ AJT65	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♣
♣ 65	Pass	4♠	All Pass	
Bidding Notes				
South	1NT	15-17 Bal		
♠ A8642	2♣	Stayman		
♥ A3	2♠	4+♠		
♦ KQ8	4♠	To play		
♣ KJ4				

Bidding

You (South) open 1NT (15-17 balanced), even with your 5-card spade suit as the best description of the hand. Partner used the Stayman convention and you showed your 4 spades and you are quickly placed into a 4♣ contract.

West leads the ♥J. Plan the play.

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 4-5♠+1♥+5♦=11 Looks Ok
 Losers: ♣A+♥T+ maybe deep ♠ and 2nd ♣

Strategy Easy if trumps are 2-2 or ♥K inside. If not keep East off lead.

Before playing to trick one, declarer paused to form a plan. He correctly assessed that the main danger to the contract was from East ever gaining the lead and switching to clubs. If South had a trump loser, he would have to best guess the club position to make the contract. He could also lose four tricks if West had both the ♠A and the ♠Q.

Solution

The best aim (safety play) was to play to stop East from ever gaining the lead. So,

T1 Declarer played low from dummy ♥4 at trick one and allowed West's lead, the

♥J to win the first trick. East encouraging.

- T2 Then winning the heart continuation ♥7, ♥Q, ♥K with the ♥A,
- T3 Declarer was about to play the ♠A when he thought of an extra small chance: A singleton ♠Q with West. With that in mind, declarer led a low trump ♠2 at trick three and was rewarded when the ♠Q appeared. Putting his plan into action, declarer ducked low ♠3 from dummy with East contributing ♠7.
- T4 West knew from the opening bid that declarer had to hold both the ♦K and ♦Q, so West exited with a high diamond (do not like) ♦7, which declarer won in hand.
- T5-6 Declarer now quickly drew all the outstanding trumps with the ♠A and ♠K.

Declarer then claimed 10 tricks for his contract: four trumps, a heart and five diamonds.

The full deal:

	North	
	♠ K953	
West	♥ Q4	East (D)
♠ Q	♦ AJT65	♠ JT7
♥ JT97	♣ 65	♥ K8652
♦ 973		♦ 42
♣ AQ832	South	♣ T97
	♠ A8642	
4♠/S	♥ A3	Vul EW
Lead ♥J	♦ KQ8	Dir: E
	♣ KJ4	

You should note, that if you do not find both safety plays, your contract will go down!

- If you quickly cover the ♥J lead, you create a possible entry for West (if trumps 3-1 break) to cross over to the East hand for a club switch
- If you quickly cash the ♠AK, you create a trump entry to the East hand on a (1-3 break) will hold the high trump and can switch clubs.

Whilst both safety plays are routine in teams bridge (IMPS scoring), in match point pairs you will often take more aggressive plays as over tricks are gold!

On this hand in a Pairs competition (match points) several Pairs will go down. In a teams' competition (IMPs) no pair should go down.

Get Out of the Way

North (D)	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ Q64	West	North (D)	East	South
♥ 875		1♣	Pass	1♠
♦ AKQ	2♥	X	Pass	4♠
♣ JT52	All Pass			
Bidding Notes				
South	1♣	Normal Opening 12hcp		
♠ AKJ73	1♠	6+hcp, 4+♠		
♥ Q	2♥	Vulnerable overcall		
♦ JT986	X	Support X, shows 3♠		
♣ K3	4♠	Game bid		

Bidding

Your partner opened the bidding with a prepared 1♣, you bid 1♠, and his double of the West 2♥ overall was a "Support Double" (showing a three-card spade support), so you bid the normal game in a 4♠ contract.

West starts with the ♥A lead, then continuing with the ♥K. What is your plan for making this 4♠ contract?

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 5x♠+5x♦ = 10 Good

Losers: 1x♥+1x♣+ 2nd ♣ if ♣A is over ♣K

- T1 West lead the ♥A, East encouraging, and you drop your singleton ♥Q
- T2 West continues with the ♥K, East showing even number of hearts, and you South ruff with the ♠3

It appeared West was attempting to weaken declarer's long trump holding. Declarer saw that if spades were 3-2, he would have an easy 10 tricks: five each in spades and diamonds. In that case, after ruffing the second heart and drawing trumps, declarer would cash dummy's diamonds and try for an overtrick by leading a club. Alas, this was not to be.

- T3 ♠A seeing that all followed ♠2, ♠4, ♠5 to the first trump lead
- T4 Declarer played a low trump ♠7, West ♠8, to dummy's ♠Q. The **bad news** came when East discarded a heart ♥9. The 4-1 trump break was a nuisance because he could not draw the rest of the trumps without losing control.

Revised Solution

If he did draw trumps, he could do no better than cash the three high diamond tricks in dummy, and then lead a club towards ♣Kx. The West would more than likely with his vulnerable overcall, would then take the ♠A and cashed three more tricks (hearts and possibly ♣Q) for a contract defeat.

With that in mind, declarer abandoned trumps for the moment to cash dummy's top two diamonds.

- T5-6 Declarer cashed ♦AK and was relieved to see that West had at least two diamonds as all followed.
- T7 Declarer now switched back to trumps leading ♠6 back to his ♠K
- T8 Drew West's remaining trump with the ♠J. But carefully discarded the ♦Q from dummy which was blocking communications between hands.

Declarer had taken seven tricks already and was then able to claim three more high diamond tricks in hand to make his contract.

The full deal:

	North (D)	
	♠ Q64	
West	♥ 875	East
♠ T982	♦ AKQ	♠ 5
♥ AKJ32	♣ JT52	♥ T964
♦ 43		♦ 752
♣ AQ		♣ 98764
	South	
4♠/S	♠ AKJ73	Vul EW
Lead ♥A	♥ Q	Dir: N
	♦ JT986	
	♣ K3	

Trump Entries

North		Standard or 2/1 Bidding		
♠ AJT4	West (D)	North	East	South
♥ AK984	1♦	X	Pass	1♥
♦ 8	2♦	4♥	All Pass	
♠ AKQ				
Bidding Notes				
South	1♦	Opening 4+D		
♠ 732	X	Strong Takeout 21 HCP		
♥ JT73	1♥	Better Major		
♦ 632	2♦	Longer D		
♣ 743	4♥	Game - should have a play		

You are south, playing in a team's match, and West opens 1♦, your partner with 21hcp and diamond shortage, doubles for takeout. You squeak 1♥ (your best Major). West rebids 2♦ and your partner flies into a game in 4♥, which gets passed out.

- T1 West leads the ♦K (Count request) against your 4♥ game. East showed odd number of diamonds.
- T2 When it held, West continued with the ♦Q.

How will you get to 10 tricks? The auction was the same at both tables. The opening lead and continuation were also the same

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 4-5x♥+1♠+3x♣=8 2 short
 Losers: 1♦ (cached) + 1-2 ♠, maybe ♥Q
 Strategies to make 10 tricks

- Need to get the Spades going
- Ruff another ♦ in Dummy
- Get to hand and make some ♠ finesses. One if both the ♠KQ are in West hand, else need 2 finesses.

Solution at your Table

- T2 You as declarer, ruffed the second diamond with dummy's ♥4
- T3-4 Declarer cashed the top two trumps, ♥AK but when West discarded a diamond, declarer knew he was in trouble, and had to rely on West having both the ♠K and ♠Q.
- T5-7 Declarer then cashed out the three top clubs ♣AKQ, eliminating them from both hands.

- T8 Declarer then led the ♠J from dummy which West took this with the ♠K
- T9 West again forced dummy by exiting with the ♦J. You ruffed this in dummy with the ♥8
- T10 You then played dummy's remaining trump ♥9 to East's ♥Q.
- T11 East now exited the ♣9, which declarer ruffed in hand ♥T. West dropping a ♦
- T12 You are at last in-hand for the critical spade finesse. When ♠3 to the ♠J lost to East's ♠Q, **declarer was down one trick!**
- T13 East returned a ♠8 to Dummy ♠A

At score comparison time, your teammates claimed they could not defeat the 4♥ contract!

NS Score (our table) = **-100**
 EW Score (Other Table) = **-620**

Your team lost **-720, -12 imps** on the hand.

The full deal:

	North	
	♠ AJT4	
West (D)	♥ AK984	East
♠ K96	♦ 8	♠ Q85
♥ 5	♠ AKQ	♥ Q62
♦ AKQJ74		♦ T95
♣ JT8	South	♣ 9652
	♠ 732	
4♥/S	♥ JT73	Vul NS
Lead ♦K	♦ 632	Dir: W
	♣ 743	

Solution by the expert declarer at other table.

- T1 West leads the ♦K (Count request) against your 4♥ game. East showed odd number of diamonds.
- T2 At the other table, the expert declarer realised that he would need extra entries to hand if he wanted to take two finesses in spades, so he started with a high ruff ♥K on the ♦Q continuation.

T3 The declarer then led a low trump ♥4 from the table. After his ♥7 held the trick (it is no better for the defence for East to rise with the ♥Q),

T4 Declarer led a low spade ♠2 to the ♠6, ♠T and East's ♠Q.

T5 East exited with his last diamond ♦T, which was ruffed low ♥8 in dummy.

T6 Declarer cashed the ♥A,

T7-9 Then followed up cashing the three top clubs. ♣AKQ

T10 East was put on lead with a trump ♥9 to his high ♥Q and he could do no better than exit with the 13th club ♣9. Declarer ruffed this in hand and threw the ♠4 from dummy.

T11-12 As expected, a spade to the ♠J finesse won, and thus declarer made 10 tricks after cashing the ♠A.

raise 3♥ (agreeing spades) and suggesting a good raise based on high card strength. Cue bids of Clubs and Diamonds led to a Keycard inquiry. North showed (2+♠Q as he held extra 5th spade length, so expected the ♠Q if out to drop). South settled for a final 6♠ contract

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			1♠
2♥	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
Bidding Notes			
1♠	Sound opening 19hcp 5+♠		
2♥	Vul Overcall 5+H		
3♥	Cue - Good raise in ♠		
4♣	Cue - Interested in Slam		
4♦	Cue - Co-operating		
4NT	Keycard (♠)		
5♠	2+♠Q the extra 5 spade =Q		
6♠	to play		

Challenge hand 1 Solution

North	Match points EW Vul, Dealer South
♠ AT532	
♥ 53	
♦ A84	
♣ Q32	West will overcall a vulnerable 2♥
South (D)	
♠ KQJ74	
♥ A	Can you bid these hands to the best match point contract?
♦ Q53	
♣ AKT9	

West started the defence with the ♥K lead

Preliminary Analysis

Top Tricks 5x♠+1♥+1♦+3x♣+♥ ruff=11
 Losers: None, but the ♦K likely in West hand, so possibly 2 deep ♦ losers

Strategies for the 12th trick include:

- Clubs could break 33 else find the ♣J and make 4♣ tricks
- Or unlikely if East has ♦K, lead up to ♦Q

Declarer could count 10 top tricks, with an 11th to come from ruffing dummy's second heart. West was the favourite to have the ♦K for his vulnerable overcall, so it appeared that declarer would have to rely on making four tricks in the club suit to make his contract.

 Brett Manley	This bidding challenge was adapted from a Brent Manly article from the Bridge feed website. A Time for Counting
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The suggested bidding

South opened 1♠ with his exceptionally good 19-point hand, and then West made a vulnerable overcall of 2♥. Partner made a cue

Solution

You as Declarer showed that this was at best a half-truth.

- T1 You win the ♥K lead, dummy ♥3 with the ♥A as East follows with the ♥6
- T2 You cash the ♠K (both EW following with the ♠6 and the ♠8). Trumps are breaking 2-1.
- T3 You played a low trump (♠4) to dummy's ♠T. East contributed the last trump ♠9, and West dropped a small ♥.
- T4 You now ruffed dummy's last heart ♥3 in hand with the ♠7. This is good play technique to void both hands and threaten opponents with ruff discard situations.
- T5 You then cashed the ♣K in hand, and all followed (♣5, ♣2, ♣4)
- T6 Then you played the ♣9 to dummy's ♣Q. Again, all following (♣7, ♣Q, ♣6).
- T7 Your next move was a low club ♣3 from dummy. When East followed with the ♣8, declarer covered with the ♣T.

When the ♣T held, declarer claimed his contract, making five trumps, a heart, a heart ruff, the ♦A and **four clubs** for 12 tricks.

"That was a rather lucky guess in clubs," said East. "Not at all," replied declarer. "If the ♣T had lost to the ♣J, West would have had only red cards left and would have had to lead away from the ♦K or concede a ruff-and-discard by exiting with a heart".

"Also, if West had started with four clubs to the jack, East would have shown out on the third round, and I would have won with the ♣A and then endplayed West with a club to his ♣J." This again would end play the West hand, and I get the red card exit from the west hand.

Then declarer concluded his remarks with, "So, as long as West started with the king of diamonds, my plan guaranteed the contract."

The full deal:

	North	
	♠ AT532	
West	♥ 53	East
♠ 8	♦ A84	♠ 96
♥ KQJT74	♣ Q32	♥ 9862
♦ KJ62		♦ T97
♣ 75	South (D)	♣ J864
	♠ KQJ74	
6♠/S	♥ A	Vul EW
Lead ♥K	♦ Q53	Dir: S
	♣ AKT9	

On the hand layout a 6♣ contract can be easily made. But this scores poorly in match point scoring compared with 6♠ (920 v 980)



Challenge Hand 2

North	Teams match vs Newcastle
♠ 7	
♥ AQ65	
♦ J8	
♣ K98542	
South (D)	EW Vulnerable
♠ AQJ965	If South opens at 1 level, West will bid 1NT (15-18) with stopper
♥ -	
♦ KQ97542	
♣ -	Suggest your bidding to your best spot.

The hand comes from a BBO friendly team's match NSBC vs Newcastle. The final contract was duplicated at both tables.

The best approach for a **strong 76** hand is to bid your longest suit and reverse (or just bid game) in your other suit.

So, South opens 1♦. You only have 12 hcp so the bidding will not stop. On this hand West will overcall 1NT (15-18) and a stopper.

Your partner (North) has a choice of bidding 2♣ (he has 2 diamonds tolerance, with his good 10 hcp) or doubling the 1NT bidder. Either way, south should press on to 4♠ which makes easily.

At the table, both North choose to bid 2♣ (5+ suit and competitive points). And both teams arrived in 4♠ contract very quickly.

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			1♦
1NT	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
Bidding Notes			
1♦	Big 76 shape, start 7 card D		
1NT	Bal 15-18 with D stopper		
2♣	Natural 5+ C		
2♠	Natural S		
2NT	Stops in C/H		
4♠	to play 76 or 65 (correctable)		

An alternate Bidding sequences

West	North	East	South (D)
			1♦
1NT	2♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠

The full deal

West	North	East
	♠7	
♠ K83	♥AQ65	♠ T42
♥ J983	♦ J8	♥ KT742
♦ A3	♣ K98542	♦ T6
♣ AQJ3		♣ T76
	South (D)	
	♠ AQJ965	
	♥ -	
	♦ KQ97542	
	♣ -	
4♠/S Lead ♥3		Vul EW Dir: S

There is not much in the play

- T1 Both wests started with the lead of the ♥3 as the least likely to concede a trick. Declarer won this with the ♥A. No need to tap the south hand, discarding the ♦2.
- T2 Declarer then started on trumps and ran the ♠7 to the ♠Q, and West took the ♠K
- T3 West Continued with the ♥J which south ruffed with ♠5
- T4-5 Declarer drew all outstanding trumps with ♠AJ, happy with the 33 break.
- T6 Declarer led a small ♦4 toward the ♦J, west ducked and the ♦J won and East followed with ♦6. So, the diamond suit was running, and declarer then claimed 11 tricks, just conceding the outstanding ♦A

Covid-19 Guidance

The NSBC are unlikely to be able to restart face to face bridge in the immediate future. The risks for the club, staff & members with COVID are too great

ABF Guidance for face-to-face bridge sessions

Dr Andrew Slutzkin has provided an updated guide to face-to-face bridge sessions.

» [2020 July 20 ABF updated guide](#)

NSWBA publishes Covid advice

<http://www.nswba.com.au/news/news.asp?2020BridgeCovidSafe>

